GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3382
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REHABILITATION OF SCAVENGERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scavengers in various States including Uttar Pradesh as on date State-wise;

(b) whether the number of such people has come down following the measures taken by the Government to improve the condition of Safai Karamcharis and to abolish this system;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof with particular reference to Uttar Pradesh;

(d) the item-wise details of the amount spent on their rehabilitation during the last three years;and

(e) the contribution of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): The requisite information is at Annexure-I.

(b)&(c): The State-wise cumulative number of beneficiaries covered under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents (NSLRS) since the inception of the Scheme in 1992, is at Annexure-II. In Uttar Pradesh, out of the 40227 scavengers, 2354 scavengers have been rehabilitated.

(d): Rs.74.42 crores have been released under the NSLRS scheme for training and rehabilitation of the Scavengers during the last three years.

(e): Providing subsidy to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) & Lower Income Group (LIG) for conversion of Dry Latrine to water pour flush latrine and providing subsidy amount for rehabilitation of the scavengers.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURES REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA USQ.NO. 3382 FOR 21.12.2004

NUMBER OF SCAVENGERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IN VARIOUS STATES/UTs

S. NO.	NAME OF THE STATE/UT@	NO.OF SCAVENGERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30921
2.	Assam	40413
3.	Bihar#	12226
4.	Haryana	36362
5.	Himachal Pradesh	4757
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	4150
7.	Karnataka	14555
8.	Madhya Pradesh#	93394
9.	Maharashtra	64785
10.	Punjab	531
11.	Rajasthan	57736
12.	Tamil Nadu	35561
13.	Uttar Pradesh#	40227
14.	West Bengal	23852
15.	Nagaland	1800
16.	Meghalaya	607
17.	Pondicherry	476

The information for the State of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh also includes that of Jharkhand, Chattisgarh and Uttaranchal respectively.

@ information for the States declared scagengers free is not included.

ANNEXURE-II

BENEFICIARIES COVERED UNDER THE NATIONAL SCHEME OF LIBERATION AND REHABILITATION OF SCAVENGERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE SCHEME IN 1992.

S. No.	Name of the State/UT @	Total Number of beneficiaries assisted for Training	Rehabilitation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8056	28167
2.	Assam	5891	1894
3.	Bihar	425	285
4.	Haryana	5747	15684
5.	Himachal Pradesh	4502	2716
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	936	211
7.	Karnataka	1313	13656
8.	Madhya Pradesh	49930	77512
9.	Maharashtra	12976	19838
10.	Punjab	0	531
11.	Rajasthan	11152	14169
12.	Tamil Nadu	9583	23687
13.	Uttar Pradesh	0	2354
14.	West Bengal	830	2979
15.	Nagaland	0	0
16.	Meghalaya	0	0
17.	Pondicherry	18	129
18.	Chhattisgarh	2153	879

Note: The figures from the State of Jharkhand and Uttaranchal are not available.

@: Information for the States declared scavengers free is not included.